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**fond**<sup>2</sup> **Pronunciation Key** (fɒnd)  
n.

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[French, from Old French *fonds*, *fond*, from Latin *fundus*, *bottom*.]

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**fond**<sup>1</sup> **Pronunciation Key** (fɒnd)  
adj. **fond~~er~~**, **fond~~est~~**

1. Having a strong liking, inclination, or affection: *fond of ballet; fond of my nieces and nephews.*
2. Affectionate; tender: *a fond embrace.*
3. Immoderately affectionate or indulgent; doting: *fond grandparents who tended to spoil the child.*
4. Cherished; dear: *my fondest hopes.*
5. *Archaic.* Naively credulous or foolish.

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[Middle English *fonne*d, *foolish*, probably from past participle of *fennen*, *to be foolish*, probably from *fonne*, *fool*.]

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## fond

\Fond\, n. [F., fr. L. fundus. See Fund.] [Obs., or used as a French word] 1. Foundation; bottom; groundwork; specif.: (a) (Lace Making) The ground. (b) (Cookery) The broth or juice from braised flesh or fish, usually served as a sauce.

2. Fund, stock, or store.

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\Fond\, obs. imp. of Find. Found. --Chaucer.

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## fond

\Fond\, a. [Compar. Fonder; superl. Fondest.] [For *fanned*, p. p. of OE. *fennen* to be foolish. See Fon.] 1. Foolish; silly; simple; weak. [Archaic]

Grant I may never prove so fond To trust man on his oath or bond. --Shak.

2. Foolishly tender and loving; weakly indulgent; over-affectionate.

3. Affectionate; loving; tender; -- in a good sense; as, a fond mother or wife. --Addison.

4. Loving; much pleased; affectionately regardful, indulgent, or desirous; longing or yearning; -- followed by of (formerly also by on).

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- More fond on her than she upon her love. --Shak.
- You are as fond of grief as of your child. --Shak.
- A great traveler, and fond of telling his adventures. --Irving.
- 5. Doted on; regarded with affection. [R.]
- Nor fix on fond abodes to circumscribe thy prayer. --Byron.
- 6. Trifling; valued by folly; trivial. [Obs.] --Shak.

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- \Fond\, v. t. To caress; to fondle. [Obs.]
- The Tyrian hugs and fonds thee on her breast. --Dryden.

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- \Fond\, v. i. To be fond; to dote. [Obs.] --Shak.

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### **fond**

adj 1: having or displaying warmth or affection; "affectionate children"; "caring parents"; "a fond embrace"; "fond of his nephew"; "a tender glance"; "a warm embrace" [syn: affectionate, caring, lovable, tender, warm] 2: extravagantly or foolishly loving and indulgent; "adoring grandparents"; "deceiving her preoccupied and doting husband with a young captain"; "hopelessly spoiled by a fond mother" [syn: adoring, doting] 3: absurd or silly because unlikely; "fond hopes of becoming President"; "fond fancies" 4: (followed by `of' or `to') having a strong preference or liking for; "fond of chocolate"; "partial to horror movies" [syn: fond(p), partial(p)]

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